

Message from the CEO



The rising number of challenges to books at public libraries across the country is gravely troubling. Intellectual freedom is the cornerstone of a democracy and it is essential that people have access to multiple viewpoints. The American Library Association has noted an increase in the number of attempts to ban books at both public, academic and school libraries. The targeted books were mainly by authors who were Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC) or LGBTQ+, or the subject matter reflected those topics.

Here in Connecticut there have been several cases of censorship at libraries. In February 2022, the Connecticut Library Association recognized this growing problem and published a strong statement against censorship, which said in part, "We oppose the restriction, removal, banning, and censorship of books and other library materials that limit the freedom to read, speak, publish, or obstruct intellectual freedom."

What can you do? Thank your librarians and teachers. They are on the front line defending intellectual freedom—your right to obtain information and read whatever you want. Read a challenged book. Talk to your local and national politicians. Let them know the importance of intellectual freedom and that you care about this fundamental issue.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

The Main Library will close at 6 on October 10 for Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day.

The Friends Pub Crawl Is Back!

Grab some friends and sign up for the Friends Literary Pub Crawl Wednesday, October 12. It's a fun evening of food, conversation and literary-themed entertainment at downtown restaurants. We're delighted to partner with Bar Rosso, Hudson Social, Towne Parlor and ZAZA Italian Gastrobar. Register at fergusonlibrary.org. Tickets are \$40; \$30 for Friends members.



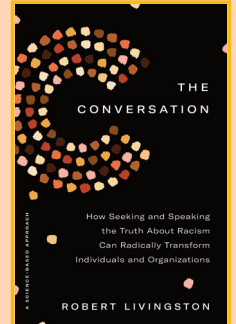
Calling for Volunteers to Help English Language Learners

We're looking for a few good volunteers interested in helping English language learners develop their speaking skills in our weekly *Let's Talk* English Conversation Groups. No teaching experience required. We do ask that you are at least 18 years old, friendly, reliable and positive, and can commit to working once a week for at least one semester. Please contact Yelena Klompus at 203 351-8228 or yklompus@fergusonlibrary.org if you are interested.

Hear Robert Livingston, Leading Expert on Racism, at the Main Library

Join us for a special discussion Monday, October 3 at 6 p.m. with Dr. Robert Livingston, a Harvard social psychologist and leading expert on the science underlying bias and racism in organizations. Dr. Livingston will discuss his book, *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations*.

The program is co-sponsored by the City of Stamford, Fairfield County's Community Foundation and the Ferguson Library along with Domus Equity Institute, the Mayor's Multicultural Council, 100 Black Men, Stamford Community, Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford Public Education Foundation, and Stamford Stands Against Racism. Registration required.



Weed Branch to Add Wednesday Hours

The Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch will now be open Wednesdays from 10 to 6 beginning October 12. The branch is currently open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Check our website for hours for all our locations.

West Side Branch Opens at Chester Addison Community Center

Our new West Side Branch at the Chester Addison Community Center opens October 11. The community center is operated by the Stamford Police Activities League, which will offer sports and other activities for kids. The library branch focuses on youth collections and will initially be open Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.



DIGITAL LIBRARY: OVERDRIVE MAGAZINES VIA LIBBY

Overdrive's Libby app has hundreds of popular magazines that you can download on your tablet or smartphone without holds or waiting time requirements. You can enjoy old favorites like *Vogue*, *The New Yorker*, *The Economist*, *Newsweek* and *Bon Appetit*, or find a new favorite by browsing the large selection of lifestyle, science, sports, history, business, health, technology and hobby magazines. The collection includes magazines in a variety of languages, as well as titles for kids and teens. To download the Libby app, visit Borrowing/Download & Stream/Read on our website. When prompted, enter your library card number to start reading.

ML Main Library, DiMattia Building, 203 351-8231
HB Harry Bennett, 203 351-8292
SE South End, 203 351-8280
WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander, 203 351-8286

RR Registration Required

at fergusonlibrary.org/events

For virtual programs, Zoom login details will be included in registration confirmations.

For Zoom programs that don't require registration, visit our online calendar for login details.



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Don't miss the Friends of the Ferguson Library Literary Pub Crawl: tinyurl.com/2cyr87wz

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Meet Victoria Buitron, Author of *A Body Across Two Hemispheres*

Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Victoria Buitron reads from her award-winning memoir of essays, *A Body Across Two Hemispheres*, where she explores the theme of bicultural identity and belonging through explorations of ancestry and coming of age between two countries.

Dance Performance: Taller Portal Norteño

Sunday, Oct. 2 from 3 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Local dance company delivers a performance of the traditional Peruvian marinera, an elegant dance representing courtship and love.

Community Conversation: Stamford Pride

Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Stamford Pride hosts a discussion for members of Stamford's Latinx LGBTQ+ community.

Film Screening: La Bamba

Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Biopic about the life and short-lived career of Mexican-American rock 'n' roll star Richie Valens, starring Lou Diamond Phillips.

Concert: William Mendoza and the Latin Heartbeat Ensemble

Sunday, Oct. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
William Mendoza and members of the Latin Heartbeat Orchestra perform Latin jazz and salsa originals and classics.

Film Screening: The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez

Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
After he is accused of murdering a lawman in 1901 Texas, a Mexican-American farmer flees and eludes a large posse for two weeks before he is finally captured. Starring Edward James Olmos.

Poetry Recital: La Voz de Hermandad

Sunday, Oct. 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Poetry reading by La Tertulia de Stamford featuring Latin American verses that celebrate the abundant perspectives that make up Hispanidad culture and language. To be presented entirely in Spanish.

Meet Historian Sara Cedar Miller, Author of *Before Central Park*

Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Join Sara Cedar Miller, historian emerita of the Central Park Conservancy, as she chronicles the history of the Central Park area, once the site of farms, businesses, churches, wars and burial grounds, and home to many different kinds of New Yorkers. **RR.**

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from noon to 1 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to share and reflect. Appropriate for people who are new to meditation and those who have long-standing practices. Please arrive five minutes early.

Cryptocurrency Explained

Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Rotary Room

An interactive presentation explaining what fintech terms like crypto, Bitcoin, NFTs and blockchain mean, how these work and their impact on the world. **RR.**

Mah-Jongg Club Kickoff

Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m. at WMH

Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Beginning to advanced players welcome.

Death Cafe Stamford

Thursdays, Oct. 13 & 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

via Zoom

A discussion about increasing the awareness of death to help people make the most of their finite lives. With Sahara Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

Community Presentation: Identifying Domestic Abuse

Thursday, Oct. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Domestic Violence Crisis Center presentation that covers the different types of domestic abuse, how to recognize red flags and practical steps you can take to help a loved one in an unhealthy relationship. Also available via Zoom.

Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

Saturday, Oct. 15 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

at HB

An afternoon outdoors of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev, who will take requests. Complimentary refreshments. Weather permitting.

An Evening with Bobby Valentine

Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Stamford's own Bobby V in conversation about all things baseball with Andy McAleer, co-editor of *Valentine's Way*. **RR.**

Art at the Ferguson: Celebrating Work Created Since 2020

Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Opening reception for exhibit featuring works by local and regional artists. On view through January 19, 2023.

Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association.

Book Discussions

If the discussion is presented via Zoom, login details are on our online calendar. Registration is not required unless otherwise noted. Book discussions are open to all.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

Monday, Oct. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

via Zoom

Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian

Harry Bennett Branch

Monday, Oct. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m.

via Zoom

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 10 to 11 a.m.

and 5 to 6 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Eileen by Ottessa Moshfegh **RR.**

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Indómita por Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, Oct. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at SE; also

available via Zoom.

The Son of Mr. Suleman by Eric Jerome Dickey

NEW! Romance Book Discussion

Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

The Wrong Mr. Darcy by Evelyn Lozada **RR.**

Community Conversation with Dr. Robert Livingston, Author of *The Conversation*

Monday, Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Join us for a meaningful conversation with Dr. Robert Livingston, one of our nation's most acclaimed experts on the science of underlying bias and racism and author of *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations*. **RR.**

English Language Learners



Let's Talk: Conversation Groups Fall Sessions via Zoom

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events.

Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 18 & 25

New students: noon

Basic: 12:30 p.m.

Low intermediate: 2:30 p.m.

Advanced: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19 & 26

High intermediate: 10 a.m.

Beginner: 3 p.m.

Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side (Part 2)

Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn language and life skills through reading, speaking and writing. **RR.** Register at the Second Floor Reference Desk or by calling 203 351-8228. For information, email yelena@fergusonlibrary.org.

Fun with Line Dancing

Friday, Oct. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at SE

Bring your friends to learn some popular line dancing moves. No dance experience necessary.

All About Audiobooks with Peter Lerman

Saturday, Oct. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Learn how audiobooks are made and sold, who listens to them and why, from Peter Lerman, a professional narrator and producer. **RR.**

Historic Walking Tour: Springdale

Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at WMH

Preservation planner and architectural historian Wes Haynes will lead a one-hour walking tour of historic buildings that mark Springdale's journey from industrial village and streetcar suburb to bedroom community. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. **RR.**

Conversations About Art: From Monet to Pollock

Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

A discussion about masterpieces that changed art history. Helene E. March Rheingold, a docent at the Neuberger Museum of Art, to lead the discussion. **RR.**

Stamford Science Café: The Known and Unknown Wildlife in Our Backyards

Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lower Level Teen Area

Biology professor Jason Munshi-South will speak about the animals that share Stamford with us and the inevitable challenges of coexistence.

Lawyers in Libraries

Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Discuss your case with a volunteer attorney. To book a required 20-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221.

Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

Technology

**Main Library, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Technology Center**

RR for all technology classes.

▲ **Must be familiar with Windows and able to use a mouse and keyboard**

■ **No prior experience necessary**

● **Basic experience with MS Excel necessary**

▼ **Intermediate experience with MS Word necessary**

* **Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary**

+ **Intermediate experience with MS Excel necessary**

Microsoft Excel

Basic Microsoft Excel ▲ ■

Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel ▲ ●

Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to work with entered data, sort and filter data, use conditional formatting for data analysis, and apply keyboard shortcuts and templates.

Advanced Microsoft Word ▲ ▼

Thursday, Oct. 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to use outlining, manage long documents, and work collaboratively.

Introduction to Web Building:

WordPress ▲ ■

Saturday, Oct. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to create and organize content using the built-in editor, and modify the way your site looks with themes.

Microsoft PowerPoint

Basic Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ ■

Thursday, Oct. 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text.

Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ *

Thursday, Oct. 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how transitions and animations make your presentations pop and use the Presenter View to your best advantage.

Google Sheets for Excel Users ▲ +

Thursday, Oct. 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Google Sheets is the free cloud-based alternative to Microsoft Excel. Learn about the differences and similarities between the two applications.

Tech Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at SE

Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Ukraine: Stories of Strength and Hope

Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Vincent Lyn, CEO and founder of We Can Save Children, speaks about ongoing humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and shares first-hand accounts of life in the war-stricken country. **RR.**

Business & Career

FAFSA Assistance

Thursdays, Oct. 6 and 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Sign up for one-on-one help in filling out the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form to receive grants and/or loans for college. To book a required 30-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221.

Presented in partnership with the CONNTAC Educational Opportunity Organization.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

RR for each session.

Register by noon on the program date.

Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

Oct. 6 – Marketing

Brenda Lewis, Principal, Transactions Marketing, Inc.

Oct. 13 – Customer Acquisition, Development and Retention

Robert Oros, Founder, Business Developments Resources

Oct. 20 – Positioning & Marketing

Giulia Gambale, Founder, She So Social;

Co-founder, Agents of Branding

Oct. 27 – Cybersecurity

Sergio Pedro, Cybersecurity Pro

Centennial Celebration: Haitian Writer Jacques Stephen Alexis

Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at SE

Commemoration of the life of Haitian novelist, poet and activist Jacques Stephen Alexis, featuring a screening of *Mort sans sépulture*, a documentary by Arnold Antonin, and a presentation by Dr. Frantz-Antoine Leconte, author of *A la rencontre de Jacques Stephen Alexis*. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Ferguson and Heart & Purpose.

Civility in America Series: Alan Murray, CEO of Fortune Media

Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Alan Murray will deliver his talk *Getting Capitalism Back on Track* and discuss his new book *Tomorrow's Capitalist: My Search for the Soul of Business*. Also available via Zoom.

Sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, the Ferguson Library and Hearst Media Services, Connecticut.

Family Programs: Halloween

Family Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. at SE

Wear a costume for this DIY adventure, where you can decorate your own balloon pumpkin head, trick-or-treat bag and show off your outfit during the parade. Prizes for the best-dressed. All ages welcome.

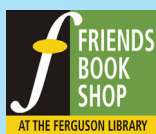
Haunted Libraries Near Us

Saturday, Oct. 29 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

After rigorously investigating libraries in Westchester County and Connecticut, the Eastern Connecticut Paranormal Society presents its findings. For ages 12 and older.

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



Book Shop News

Looking for scary or not-so-scary reads for your favorite goblin? The Book Shop is highlighting Halloween this month, with a collection of adult and children's titles. They also have a selection of books celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Stop in and browse at the Main Library or Harry Bennett shops. All books are donated and proceeds support the library.

Let us Help Your Book Club

Need a suggestion for your book discussion group, or help locating copies? We're here to support your book group with a variety of resources. The library has a well curated book discussion collection with multiple copies of each book. We can also get books for you if we don't have the title and share resources about how to have a successful book discussion. And of course, our readers advisory services can help you find your group's next great read.

For book group services, contact Anthony Marrocolla at amarrocolla@fergusonlibrary.org.

Art at the Ferguson

Celebrating New Art: Work Created Since 2020

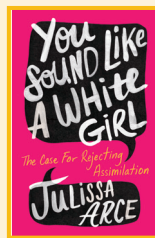
Our fall art exhibit, *Celebrating New Art: Work Created Since 2020*, launches October 20 at 6 p.m. with an opening reception at the Main Library. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, features works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on view through January 19, 2023.

Pictured: *See Through* by Cecile Roberfroid



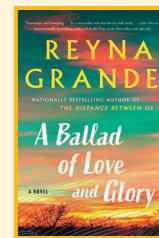
STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



You Sound Like a White Girl: The Case for Rejecting Assimilation
by Julissa Arce

A Ballad of Love and Glory
by Reyna Grande



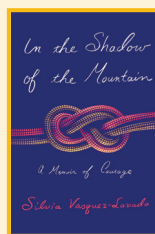
Neruda on the Park
by Cleyvis Natera



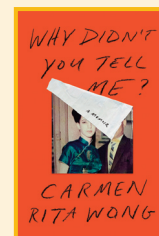
The Man Who Could Move Clouds
by Ingrid Rojas Contreras



In the Shadow of the Mountain: A Memoir of Courage
by Silvia Vasquez-Lavado



Why Didn't You Tell Me?
by Carmen Rita Wong



Missed one of our programs? Catch up whenever you have a chance. Many of our programs are available on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.

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Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

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203 351-8291
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10 to 6
Wednesday 10 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
Saturday 10 to 2

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907
203 351-8285
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

Bookmobile
Check our online calendar at
fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile

The Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library
Main Library
Monday through Thursday 11 to 6
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5
Harry Bennett Branch
Monday through Saturday 10 to 5

Passport Services
Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298.

Main Library Passport Office
Monday through Thursday 10 to 7
Friday & Saturday 10 to 4
Sunday 1 to 4

Harry Bennett Passport Office
Wednesday 10 to 6 (walk-in only)
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Youth Services:
Main Library: 203 351-8242
Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294
South End Branch: 203 351-8280
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

F Check out our Youth Services page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You'll find information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, Wi-Fi service for students in need and more.

F Visit our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/events for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters.

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 **Facebook** facebook.com/thefergusonlibrary

 **YouTube** youtube.com/thefergusonlibrary

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Stamford students can use their student ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don't have a Ferguson Library card. For access, enter 2111800+student ID number (no spaces). If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, fill out the form at fergusonlibrary.org/linked-libraries-contact-us-form.



HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS:



Scavenger Hunt

October 3 to October 29 at SE (during library hours)

Find the ghosts, witches and other Halloween characters hidden in the shelves of the South End Branch to win a gift. Pick up a checklist at the branch to participate. All ages welcome.

Pumpkins on the Porch

Saturday, October 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at WMH

A drop-in outdoor event featuring pumpkin crafts and fun yard games like pumpkin bowling and pumpkin bean bag toss. All ages welcome. Weather permitting.



Spooky Stuffed Animal Storytime & Sleepover

Wednesday, October 26 from 3 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Bring your favorite stuffed animals for a slightly spooky storytime, then leave them at the library for their own sleepover. For ages 3 to 8 with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.**



Family Celebration

Saturday, October 29 from noon to 1 p.m. at SE

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Kids! Help Us Decorate for Diwali

Create your own paper rangoli for Diwali, the Festival of Lights, using one of our templates, which will be available starting Saturday, October 8 at the library's Youth Services desks.

Make one for yourself and another one for us.

We will use all the submitted rangolis to decorate for our celebration, to be held Sunday, November 13.



Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES OCTOBER 2022

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RR=REGISTRATION REQUIRED at fergusonlibrary.org/events • For virtual programs, Zoom login details will be included in registration confirmations. For Zoom programs that don't require registration, visit our online calendar for login details.



Follow us on Instagram @ferglibraryyouth for storytimes, songs, fingerplays and more.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10:30 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram
Bilingual storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A song and dance party for ages 18 months to 4 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR. Registration opens six days before each program date.**

Outdoor Family Storytime

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to this drop-in programs. For ages up to 4 years, with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

Babytime

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A program geared for babies featuring traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. For ages up to 18 months with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR. Registration opens six days before each storytime date.**

Hispanic Heritage Month Musical

Storytime: Orchestra Lumos
Saturday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to noon
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A morning of Spanish and English music and storytelling featuring a musical interpretation by Orchestra Lumos of Flavia Z. Drago's *Gustavo the Shy Ghost* and its Spanish-language translation, *Gustavo el fantasmita tímido*. **RR.**



Wildlife Superheroes

Saturday, October 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB
Discover the stories behind the amazing abilities of various animals through live-animal visits, animal artifacts and interactive activities. Grades 1 to 5. **RR.**
Presented by the New Canaan Nature Center.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, October 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For ages 18 months to 4 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR. Registration opens six days before each storytime date.**

Book Bunch Club

Wednesday, October 19 from 4 to 5 p.m.
Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Get your copy of *Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve* by Mary Pope Osborne at the library, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Refreshments served. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**

Giant Games Play Date

Thursday, October 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Lower Level Makerspace
An evening of fun with oversized versions of classic games like Tangrams, Bananagrams and more! Refreshments served. Grades 5 to 8. **RR.**



Author Storytime: Ride, Roll, Run: Time for Fun!
Saturday, October 22 from 11 a.m. to noon at HB
Join local author Valerie Bolling as she reads from

her latest picture book. Q&A, book sale and signing to follow. For ages 2 and older with accompanying caregiver. Weather permitting. **RR.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

Film Screenings: Hispanic Heritage Month

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
La Bamba
Saturday, October 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Biopic about the life and short-lived career of Mexican-American rock 'n' roll star Richie Valens, starring Lou Diamond Phillips. Grades 6 to 12.

The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez

Saturday, October 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.
After he is accused of murdering a lawman in 1901 Texas, a Mexican-American farmer flees and eludes a large posse for two weeks before he is finally captured. Starring Edward James Olmos. Grades 6 to 12.



Teen Paint & Sip

Monday, October 10 from noon to 2:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Teens are invited for an afternoon of painting and soda-sipping with our friends from Pinot's Palette. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**



Teen Book Discussion: Superman Smashes the Klan

Tuesday, October 18 from 7 to 8 p.m.
Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room
In this graphic novel by Gene

Luen Yang, teens Roberta and Tommy Lee move to Metropolis, the city protected by Superman. Soon after, their family home is targeted by the Klan of the Fiery Cross. Can Superman foil the Klan's plot and defeat racism and hatred? Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, October 27 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program. Learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions and make a difference in the community. Participation in T-MAD counts as volunteer work. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Earn Volunteer Hours by Reviewing Books

The Ferguson Library is offering volunteer hours to teens in grades 6 to 12 to write book reviews. Reviews will be featured on the library's Youth Instagram page and displayed with reviewed books at the library.

Teens may submit up to two book reviews per week at tinyurl.com/m523vnb7. For each review approved by a librarian, teens will receive one hour of volunteer credit.

Reviews may be edited for clarity and will list the reviewer's first name, last name initial and grade, unless the reviewer wishes to remain anonymous.

For information, call 203-351-8242 or email ferglibraryyouth@gmail.com.